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(SBU) Minister of Commerce Precious Ngelale on February 7 told the DCM Nigeria would oppose any effort that would delay the implementation of a solution to the current impasse over the Doha Declaration on Public Health. He said Nigeria would not support expansion of the moratorium to cover conditions other than HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis, and other deadly infectious diseases afflicting Africans. He concluded, "We agree completely with the U.S. position. I don't think it would be difficult to get many of my colleagues to agree as well."
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